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NEWTON, KANSAS, MAN SENTENCED FOR POSSESSING CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

WICHITA, Kan. – United States Attorney Eric Melgren announced that **Scott A. Hase**, 33, Newton, Kansas, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge Wesley E. Brown to **5 years in federal prison, without parole, to be followed by three years of supervised release.**

Melgren stated that Hase entered a guilty plea on December 29, 2003, to **one count of possessing child pornography.**

Melgren said that Hase admitted at his plea that on April 14, 2003, he possessed child pornography. Hase further admitted downloading child pornography of young girls engaged in sexually explicit activity onto his computer via the internet.

Melgren commended the excellent work of the Newton Police Department and the U.S. Secret Service in this investigation and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alan Metzger in this prosecution.